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Dear Mr. Hoesly:

**TRANSMITTAL OF WRITTEN NOTICE OF HEARING
AND LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL REVIEW**

RULE NO.: Chapter Comm 138

RELATING TO: Woody Biomass Harvesting and Processing Credit

AGENCY UNIT RESPONSIBLE: Division of Business Development

PUBLIC HEARING REQUIRED: ☒ YES ☐ NO

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Pursuant to sections 227.14 (4m) and 227.17, Stats., agencies are required to transmit a written notice of submittal of proposed rules to the Legislative Council and a written notice of hearing to the Legislative Reference Bureau, for publication in the Administrative Register.

On the date on this letter the department is submitting proposed rules to the Legislative Council and is submitting the following material to you:

1. Notice of Public Hearing or 30-Day Notice of Proposed Rulemaking.
2. Fiscal Estimate.
3. Initial Regulatory Flexibility Analysis.
4. Draft of Proposed Rules.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul F. Jadin
Secretary

STATE OF WISCONSIN
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to section 560.209 (4) of the Statutes, the Department of Commerce will hold a public Hearing on proposed rules in chapter Comm 138 relating to investment tax credits for harvesting or processing woody biomass, and affecting small businesses.

The public Hearing will be held as follows:

Date and Time:

Friday
March 25, 2011
Commencing at 10:00 a.m.

Location:

Thompson Commerce Center, Third Floor, Room 3B
201 West Washington Avenue
Madison, Wisconsin

Interested persons are invited to appear at the Hearing and present comments on the proposed rules. Persons making oral presentations are requested to submit their comments in writing, via e-mail. Persons submitting comments will not receive individual responses. The Hearing record on this rulemaking will remain open until March 30, 2011, to permit submittal of written comments from persons who are unable to attend the Hearing or who wish to supplement testimony offered at the Hearing. E-mail comments should be sent to sam.rockweiler@wi.gov. If e-mail submittal is not possible, written comments may be submitted to Sam Rockweiler, Department of Commerce, Division of Environmental and Regulatory Services, P.O. Box 14427, Madison, WI 53708-0427.

This Hearing will be held in an accessible facility. If you have special needs or circumstances that may make communication or accessibility difficult at the Hearing, please call Sam Rockweiler at (608) 266-0797 or at Contact Through Relay at least 10 days prior to the Hearing date. Accommodations such as interpreters, English translators, or materials in audio tape format will, to the fullest extent possible, be made available upon a request from a person with a disability.

The proposed rules and an analysis of the rules are available by entering "Comm 138" in the search engine at the following Web site: <https://health.wisconsin.gov/admrules/public/Home>. Paper copies may be obtained without cost from Sam Rockweiler at the Department of Commerce, Division of Environmental and Regulatory Services, P.O. Box 14427, Madison, WI 53707, or at sam.rockweiler@wi.gov, or at telephone (608) 266-0797, or at Contact Through Relay. Copies will also be available at the public Hearing.

Any inquiries for the small business regulatory coordinator for the Department of Commerce can be directed to Sam Rockweiler, as listed above.



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HEARING DRAFT OF PROPOSED RULES

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INITIAL REGULATORY FLEXIBILITY ANALYSIS

Department of Commerce

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1. Types of small businesses that will be affected by the rules.

Businesses that choose to pursue the tax credits in sections 71.07 (3rm), 71.28 (3rm) and 71.47 (3rm) of the Statutes for purchasing equipment that is utilized primarily to harvest or process woody biomass for use as a fuel or as a component of fuel.

2. Reporting, bookkeeping and other procedures required for compliance with the rules.

An application form prescribed by the Department must be completed and submitted to the Department.

3. Types of professional skills necessary for compliance with the rules.

No new professional skills are necessary for compliance with the rules.

4. Rules have a significant economic impact on small businesses.

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No

Rules not submitted to Small Business Regulatory Review Board

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Yes

Rules submitted to Small Business Regulatory Review Board

NOTICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS

Department of Commerce

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Notice is hereby given that the Department has considered the environmental impact of the proposed rules. In accordance with chapter Comm 1, the proposed rules are a Type III action. A Type III action normally does not have the potential to cause significant environmental effects and normally does not involve unresolved conflicts in the use of available resources. The Department has reviewed these rules and finds no reason to believe that any unusual conditions exist. At this time, the Department has issued this notice to serve as a finding of no significant impact.